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SUBJ: SUGAR SHIPMENTS TO US DURING 1975

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1. SUGAR PICTURE FOR 1975 IS NOT ALTOGETHER CLEAR BECAUSE OF UNCERTAIN OUTCOME OF TALKS WITH UK/EEC AND LIKELIHOOD THAT 1975 CROP WILL SET ALL TIME LOW RECORD. PRODUCERS' BEST ESTIMATES ARE 90,000LT WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT ABOUT 57,000LT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT. (BARBADOS USES 14,000 LT DOMESTICALLY; EXPORTS 4,000 TO CARICOM: USES 5,000 LT FOR FANCY MOLASSES AND HAS SOLD 10,000 FORWARD TO UNNAMED BUYER)

2. BARBADOS IS LIKELY TO SPLIT REMAINING EXPORTS BETWEEN ITS TWO MOST STABLE MARKETS, US AND UK. IF UK IS WILLING TO MEET GOB PRICE EXPECTATIONS OF ABOUT POUNDS 300 PER TON, IT MIGHT RECEIVE UP TO 40,000LT OF EXPORTS. PRODUCERS AND GOB STATE
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THAT THEY INTEND TO TRY TO SUPPLY "AT LEAST 30,000LT" TO US.

UNLESS UK MEETS HIGH GOB PRICE EXPECTATIONS, THIS WOULD SEEM
TO BE REASONABLE ESTIMATE.

3. ST KITTS PRODUCERS ESTIMATE A TOTAL 1975 CROP OF ABOUT
24,000LT WHICH WOULD LEAVE 20-21,000LT FOR EXPORT. CURRENT
THINKING IN BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IS THAT ABOUT
10,000 LT SHOULD BE EXPORTED TO US WITH REMAINDER GOING TO
EITHER UK OR WORLD MARKET, DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF BRUSSELS
TALKS. ST KITTS PREMIER RECENTLY INFORMED INDUSTRY LEADER
THAT GOSK/N/A WAS AWARE OF NEED TO BUILD GOOD SUPPLY RECORD
WITH US SO THAT THIS RECORD MIGHT BE REFLECTED IN LARGER WEST
INDIAN SHARE OF ANY FUTURE US QUOTAS.
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